

May 30, 2001

BY HAND

Ms. Mary Cottrell  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station  
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Advanced Metering, D.T.E. 01-28, FG&E Tariff Compliance Filing

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

In compliance with the Department's May 18, 2001 Order in D.T.E. 01-28 (Phase I), enclosed is the original and nine copies of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company's ("FG&E") tariff sheets as listed below for Optional Enhanced Metering Service (Schedule EMS) and Optional Interval Data Service (Schedule IDS).

Electric Division

M. D. T. E. No. 69, Sheets 1 through 3 - Schedule EMS  
M. D. T. E. No. 70, Sheet 1 - Schedule IDS

Supporting documentation for the proposed tariffs is included on Attachments A and B and FG&E requests an effective date of July 1, 2001 for both tariffs.

In its May 18, 2001 order, the Department approved the Interval Data Service tariffs submitted by National Grid, NSTAR and WMECO. FG&E intended to include such a tariff in its model tariff filing of March 16, 2001 but, while the tariff page for Optional Enhanced Metering Service was included, the tariff page for Interval Data Service was inadvertently omitted. The language for FG&E's proposed IDS tariff is similar to NSTAR's approved tariff.

FG&E has developed fees for these services and has reflected the fees in the proposed tariffs. Minor clarifying changes were made to the model EMS tariff as filed and approved in the Department's May 18, 2001 order including changing the Optional Enhanced Metering Service tariff from "Schedule AMS" to "Schedule EMS" and inserting the word "existing" to clarify two pricing options for general service. For the General Service category one price was developed for customers with "existing" interval metering and one price without existing interval metering.

Cost support for Optional Enhanced Metering Service fees are included in Attachment A. FG&E has developed these fees based upon proven technology that is currently in use and is compatible with FG&E's existing metering equipment and systems. Given the differential in the cost of this metering equipment, based on a review of other electric distribution company offerings, FG&E is evaluating other possible lower cost alternatives. At this time FG&E has not thoroughly researched whether some of these other alternatives are compatible with FG&E's equipment and systems. FG&E will modify its tariff should lower cost alternatives prove viable.

Cost support for Optional Interval Data Service fees is included in Attachment B. The fees for Optional Interval Data Service were developed based upon providing this service through email. FG&E is working on a web-based system that would provide data through the web.

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to telephone me with any questions.

Very truly yours,

Patricia M. French

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Barry Perlmutter, Electric Power Division  
George B. Dean, Assistant Attorney General  
David O'Connor, Commissioner, DOER  
Service List (by electronic mail)  
Todd Shimkus, Vice President, North Central Mass. Chamber of Commerce

## CERTIFICATION

I, Patricia M. French, certify that I have this 30th day of May served a copy of the within filing on each of the individuals on the service list on file for D.T.E. 01-28 with the Secretary of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy.

Dated at Boston, Massachusetts, this 30th day of May 2001.

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Patricia M. French